

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 22, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. This meeting followed a reception for retiring Council member Mr. Bruce Bellm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of March 8, 2004 as corrected. The name of Mr. Bruce Bellm was added to "Resignation from Mansfield Town Council"

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ms. Helen Koehn, 83 Separatist Road, requested that after the Presentation by Richard Miller, Director of Environmental Policy at the University of Connecticut, the public be allowed to ask questions or comment on the presentation.

By consensus the Town Council agreed.

Mr. Chip Jordon asked that the Council place on the agenda for future discussion the salute the flag of the United States prior to Council meetings.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. University Spring Weekend

No comment.

V. NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation by Richard Miller, University of Connecticut

Mr. Richard A. Miller, Director of Environmental Policy at the University of Connecticut, presented a power point program on the University's Environmental Policy Update. This included the Hazardous Waste Facility comparative site survey, proposed land uses for North, Main and East Campus and what the EIE Process includes.

Ms. Helen Koehn commended the Town Council on their action taken regarding the hiring of an independent consultant to assist with the water issue in the Separatist Road neighborhood. She hoped that the Council would be aware of future concerns of University issues that may have environmental impact on the

Town.

Mr. Bellm left at 8:26 p.m.

3. Proclamation Designating Municipal Clerks Week in Mansfield

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to authorize the Mayor, effective March 22, 2004, to issue the attached proclamation designating the week of May 2 through May 8, 2004, as Municipal Clerks Week in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

4. Fair Housing Policy

Mr. Thorkelson moved, effective March 22, 2004, and seconded by Mr. Hawkins, to re-endorse the Town of Mansfield's existing Fair Housing Policy.

So passed unanimously.

5. Proclamation Designating April as Fair Housing Month in Mansfield

Mr. Schaefer moved, effective March 22, 2004, to designate the month of April as Fair Housing Month in Mansfield and to authorize the mayor to issue the proclamation as presented by Town staff. Seconded by Mr. Clouette.

Wording on proclamation should be changed from collaborates to cooperative.

So passed unanimously, with wording changed.

6. Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor-2004 Partnership Grant Program

Mr. Schaefer moved, effective March 22, 2004, to authorize town staff to submit a grant application in the amount of \$5,250 to the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc to provide funding for a welcome sign and landscaping project at the Four Corners area in Mansfield, and to process any related grant paperwork.

Seconded by Mr. Hawkins.

So passed unanimously.

7. Department of Environmental Protection Aquifer Protection Regulations- Designation of Mansfield Aquifer Protection Agency.

Town Planner, Mr. Gregory Padick, discussed the recently adopted Aquifer Protection Land Use Regulations and the need to designate a municipal aquifer protection agency.

The Town Council took no formal action, however town staff will work on an appropriate draft of an ordinance to designate Mansfield's Aquifer Protection Agency and return the draft to the Council for review and approval.

8. Maple Road Reconstruction-Construction Agreement

Mr. Hawkins moved that the acceptance of the following resolution: Resolved, effective march 22, 2004 that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of Maple Road Utilizing Federal Funds under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program". Seconded by Mr. Paulhus.

So passed. Ms. Blair and Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

9. Status Report on Pending Claims and Litigation

Town Manager discussed the summary. No action necessary.

10. Separatist Road Bikeway Project

Mr. Haddad moved that effective March 22, 2004, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on April 12, 2004 to solicit public comment on the Separatist Road Bikeway/Walkway Project.

Seconded by Thorkelson.

Motion so passed unanimously.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson reported that she attended the ceremony giving grant funding to the State Fire School in Willimantic. She complimented Council member Mr. Hawkins on his work to see this project being implemented.

Mayor Paterson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new restaurant "Capital Lunch" which is in the Holiday Mall on Rte. 195.

The Mayor handed out awards at the Special Olympics and expressed how wonderful her experience had been at the event.

Mr. Clouette attended the Town Gown Committee and heard an update on UConn projects and on the police plans for Spring Weekend.

Mr. Thorkelson reported on the Downtown Partnership subcommittee on Planning and Design. He will not continue on the Downtown Partnership in May due to schedule conflicts.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager handed out a revised budget schedule and on April 7, the meeting will be in the Community Center.

Town Manager has the information on the Skate Board Park, which was discussed in 2001.

University students are concerned over the Lottery process to get on campus housing. Rental housing in Mansfield will be full this fall.

Town Planner, Mr. Gregory Padick discussed the 3/10/2004 draft of proposed revisions to the Zoning regulations regarding architectural and design standards.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Pledge of Allegiance at Town Council meetings.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.Mansfield Board of Education-Proposed 2004-2005 Budget
- 12.D.Dagon re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant 2003 Award
- 13.Mansfield Planning and Zoning commission Application
Referral –Proposed Revisions to Various Sections of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations
- 14.L. Hultgren re: Transfer Station Sticker Programs
- 15.National League of Cities re: Mansfield's Participation in The Freddie Mac Foundation Early Childhood Challenge
- 16.M. Berliner re: J. Krisch Appointment to Social Services Advisory Committee
- 17.M. Berliner re: Communications with Outside Agencies
- 18.Mansfield Conservation Commission re: Department of Environmental Protection's Aquifer Mapping Regulations
- 19.G.Padick re: Windham Water Works, Water Supply Plan Update
- 20.National League of Cities-2004 City Lobby Day
- 21.FY 2004/05 Budget Review Calendar

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to go into executive session after a short break, with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager to discuss collective bargaining.

So passed unanimously.

At 9:25 p.m. the Council went into executive session

At 9:42 Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to come out of executive session.

So passed unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- At 9:43 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the Town Council Meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk